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BISHOP GALLOWAY

Wants Repudiated Bonds of Mississippi Paid

Jackson, Miss., May 25.—The address of Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, before the Mississippi Press Association, in which the bishop boldly advocated the payment of the Planters and Union Bank bonds, which have been repudiated by the state, has created a sensation of the first magnitude in Mississippi politics.

The Planters and Union Bank bonds were issued several years prior to the civil war and in round figures they aggregate \$8,500,000, the Union Bank bonds being \$5,000,000 and the Planters Bank bonds \$3,500,000. The state claimed the bonds were fraudulently issued and refused payment. The constitution of 1869 prohibited their payment, and the constitution of 1890 reenacted the clause in the organic law of 1890. At present, in order to secure payment of the repudiated bonds, it will be necessary to amend the constitution. Bishop Galloway's address before the Press Association, it now develops, was intended for the opening gun in the campaign for either a constitutional amendment or a constitutional convention. The movement, from what has been learned from an authoritative source, will have powerful support, and it is absolutely certain that it will have equally as powerful opposition. The campaign for the payment of the bonds, if it is pushed, as now seems certain, will become an issue in the state campaign both for governor and members of the legislature.

From what has been learned, it appears that the owners of the repudiated bonds have given a portion of them to certain church and charitable organizations and educational institutions through whom they expect to stir up sentiment in favor of the payment of the bonds. The Peabody educational board with which Bishop Galloway is connected, it is said, was presented with a large block of the bonds with the understanding that if they are paid by the State the money will be used for educational purposes.

Ex-Gov. James D. Porter, of the Peabody board, said today: "Yes, we hold \$1,000,000 of the bonds, but regard them as absolutely valueless. So far as the board is concerned, it has no interest in the proposed movement, for the reason that it has not the slightest hope of its success."

The \$1,000,000 in the Peabody fund were bought by Mr. Peabody and have remained in the fund since its creation, placed there in the half-hearted hope that it might lead to payment some day.

YOUNG LOCHINVAR

Fails in His Dilatory Efforts To Commit Matrimony.

Jackson, Miss., May 25.—A young man named Murry invested \$3 in a marriage license yesterday and walking down near Florence, ten miles from here and returned about midnight, walking with a pretty Miss of 16 summers accompanying. He took the girl to his mother's and had her cared for the balance of the night. Two hours after his arrival there was a heavy tread on the gallery and a rough knock at the door. The mother of the young man answered and found the father and the brother of the young lady before her. They demanded the girl, and to cut a long story short, they got her, placed her between them in their buggy and drove back home after having served notice on the young man that there would be a funeral next time he came around their farm home.

UMPIRE

Had To Have Protection Of Police At Jackson.

Jackson, Miss., May 24.—The game between Jackson and Culport came near ending in a tragedy yesterday, and for a while it looked as if umpire McKenzie was going to be "chawed in two."

Immediately after the game had been concluded, and Jackson had lost out by a score of five to four, the crowd surged down from the grand stand and demanded blood or its equivalent. Fortunately for McKenzie the police were there in force and surrounded the umpire, afterwards escorting him to his room at the hotel.

However, it seems that McKenzie was charged with unfairness by both sides, "Red Murch" having "cussed" him out during the game, for which he was benched.

GROWING RAPIDLY

Tombigbee K. P. Lodge No. 12 Keeps Pace With Others.

The order of Knights of Pythias is growing rapidly all over the Domain of Mississippi, and Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, in Columbus, is making an increase in proportion to other places.

At the meeting held last Tuesday night Mr. Walter Perry was given the rank of Page; Messrs. Beverly Matthews, I. V. Dethrow, D. H. Bowlin, Lawrence Gardner and Mr. Henry were elected to membership.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday night when the rank of Page will be conferred.

ENCAMPMENT

All Ready For Soldiers To March On Columbus.

Gen. S. R. Keesler, Adj. Gen., Fridge and Col. W. S. Vardaman have been notified by the Columbus Progressive Union that every demand made by the committee has been provided for and to "bring on the encampment." This includes grounds, buildings, lights, water, park grounds, pavillion, and everything necessary for the comfort and care of the national guard of Mississippi.

The local committee in charge of the encampment consists of Colonel Walter Weaver, Major Jno. P. Mayo, Major O. M. Lawrence, Capt. W. S. Mullins and Mr. I. H. Sykes. They have been indefatigable in getting everything arranged and in soliciting funds to defray all the expenses.

Columbus will be required to pay for the expense of pitching camp, extending the waterworks system to be the grounds, social functions to be held during the encampment, and other incidental expenses that cannot be provided for out of the state or national government appropriations the total being about \$2,000.

K. of P.

Called meeting for Tuesday night May 28th, at 8 o'clock. Will work in rank of Page.

LANEY CASON, C. C.
LEGARE BAILEY, K. R. and S.

Notice Master Masons.

Brother B. Y. Rhodes will be with us next Tuesday and Tuesday night to illustrate the work. Be sure to be on hand to learn.
J. A. Cook, W. M.

The south needs in the house and senate today conservatism, patriotism and brains, and John Sharp Williams fills the bill, and is the peer of any man in the halls of Congress.—Greenwood Commonwealth.

SLOVENLY

Methods In Baling Cotton Causes Many Fires.

New York, May 25.—Slovenly methods of packing and shipping cotton was criticized by Benj Richards in an address before the National Fire Protective Association Mr. Richards said that the packing of cotton in loosely woven jute bags is a frequent cause of fire.

"Without exception," he said, "there is no greater fire loss sustained today on any merchandise whether oils, naphtha, celluloid, gun powder or dynamite, while in the hands of the producers than there is on the cotton crop of the United States. For the 19 years proceeding 1903, the fire losses on raw cotton alone, not including cotton in gin houses or mills nor the damage to the buildings in which the cotton was stored, amounts to over \$21,000,000."

ANTI SALOON LEAGUE

Wins Fight For Recognition Of Presbyterians.

Columbus, O., May 24.—Leaders of the anti-saloon league yesterday afternoon, after a bitter fight, forced the general assembly of the Presbyterian church to recognize their organization. The committee on church policy yesterday decided to ignore the league, whose members yesterday carried their battle to the floor of the convention and won; the general assembly indorsing the league "as a safe, sane and effective organization in the work of temperance."

A resolution urging that the moral influence of the assembly be brought to bear on the publishers of church literature to exclude patent medicine advertising suspected of being misleading, or fraudulent, was passed by the assembly, as was also a resolution approving the universal peace movement and the recommendation that pastors use patriotic occasion to preach the gospel of peace.

It was unanimously voted not to change the church name from "The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" to the "American Presbyterian Church."

Settled at Last.

Columbus, O., May 24.—Following two hours of exciting debate, which, at times became acrimonious and verged upon personalities, the Presbyterian general assembly closed one of the liveliest sessions in its history and adopted without a dissenting vote resolutions declaring as its policy that the permanent committee on temperance shall not embark upon or interfere in political work, and endorsing the American Anti-Saloon league as a "safe, sane and effective" organization in the furtherance of the great cause of temperance, and pledging to it the fullest cooperation "consistent with the constitution of the church."

Mrs. Lucretia Pigford.

Mrs. Lucretia Pigford died this week in Meridian. Mrs. Pigford was the mother of seventeen children, ten of whom survive her. She also leaves sixty-two grand-children, fifty-five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Cars at Hattiesburg.

Hattiesburg, Miss., May 25.—H. A. Camp, president of the Hattiesburg Traction Company, announces that street cars will be running by August 1. Five miles of track are already completed, and two more miles additional will be completed by the time the cars arrive.

VOTE QUESTIONED

Says Governor Has No Right to Vote in Trustees' Meeting.

Mr. Firman Smith, a former Mississippian, now of Nashville, has written a letter to the Jackson evening News, and which is also printed in circular form, in which he claims that a mere cursory examination of the law shows conclusively that the governor of Mississippi has no right to vote in meetings of the trustees of the University of Mississippi. The point he made has aroused considerable interest and was brought out last March by the election of Mr. Holmes as a professor of law, for whom the governor voted. Mr. Smith holds that the governor is in fact not a trustee but only a presiding officer of the board, and quotes extensively from the law, which seems to be very plain in upholding his contention.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT

At I. I. & C. College A Treat To Visitors.

The Industrial Exhibit at the I. I. and C. was given Saturday afternoon, after a bitter fight, forced the general assembly of the Presbyterian church to recognize their organization. The committee on church policy yesterday decided to ignore the league, whose members yesterday carried their battle to the floor of the convention and won; the general assembly indorsing the league "as a safe, sane and effective organization in the work of temperance."

In the fine art department which is under the direction of Miss Pennell, is to be seen paintings in oil and water colors, all from nature, sketches and charcoal drawings, modeling in clay and the work of the skillful potter, all executed by the students.

The type-writing department has on exhibition some rare specimens of skill on the machine, one particularly striking being a picture of a horse, and another of a house, doors and windows complete, all made with the typewriter. Miss Power has this department in charge.

The department of photography exhibits some splendid work, equal to the best seen in the studios of professionals in the cities.

The millinery and dress making departments show evidence of great skill and taste. Some of the hats are lovely creations and the display would do credit to any up-to-date millinery store.

The Industrial Art department shows samples of beautiful applied designs worked in embroidery, home decorations and leather work.

The other departments of the college were appropriately decorated and open for the reception of visitors.

Following is the program of commencement exercises, and the public is cordially invited today:

Commencement Sermon, Sunday morning, May twenty-sixth, eleven o'clock, Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix.

Annual Sermon before Young Women's Christian Association, Sunday evening at eight o'clock, Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix.

Graduating Exercises, Monday morning, May twenty-seventh at eleven o'clock.

Baccalaureate Address, Hon. S. A. Witherspoon.

Delivery of diplomas and certificates of proficiency.

Business meeting of the Alumnae and reception, Saturday May, twenty-fifth, at four-thirty.

New Arrivals.

More than fifty styles black Oxfords—six styles tan and browns—just received at Woman's Store—the store for shoes that fit, wear and have the style.

SENSATIONAL HAT SALE



Last week we found a manufacturer who had a line of Trimmed Hats he wished to close out at a sacrifice in order to prepare for the fall line, which he will have to begin to work on soon. Making him a cash offer we secured the entire lot at about half their real value. There are about forty styles in the lot, no two hats alike. They are the very latest shapes and trimmed in ribbons and good French flowers. There is not a hat in the lot worth less than \$6.00 and many are regular \$8.00 and \$9.00 values. We place them on sale for Monday and Tuesday only. Your choice of any hat in the lot..... **\$4.98**

5c. SPECIAL LACE SALE. 5c.



We received yesterday another shipment of Laces. In the shipment were 200 dozen Val. Laces, in Match Sets, from one-half to two inches wide. Values up to 10 cents. We place them on sale tomorrow, Monday, at 5 cents the yard.

Laces are used this season more than ever before—such is the demand that they have not only advanced in price but are very scarce. We consider the Laces offered in this sale the best Lace values we have ever offered.

Remember, that the Hats and Laces advertised are all new, fresh goods, on sale for the first time.

See Shoe ad. on page 3.

THE WOMAN'S STORE

R. E. LEIGH.

RIFLEMEN

To Give Ball Complimentary To Visitors.

The Columbus Riflemen, always ready to make visitors have a good time, will give a ball at Lake Park Wednesday night next and an enjoyable time is in store for all who attend.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Cotton States Standing.

Mobile	W. L. Per.
Guilford	22 13 .629
Meridian	19 14 .576
Vicksburg	19 15 .559
Columbus	16 16 .500
Columbus	12 21 .364
Jackson	12 21 .364

Saturday's game: Vicksburg 2, Columbus 1.

Vicksburg, May 24.—In the twelfth inning, after Manush had reached first on a single and stolen second, Turner hit a grounder to left. The ball took a high bound and leaped over Pease's head. Turner went out trying for third, but Manush scored, breaking the tie, and this tally won. Columbus had outplayed Vicksburg at every stage prior to the close, but base running of too daring order nipped their chances several times.

Vicksburg got the best of a couple of close decisions and Columbus players did a bit of kicking. One of Herold's errors figured in the first run of Vicksburg. Score: Columbus 2, Vicksburg 1.

NEW CHURCH

Baptists Contract For Fine Building Here.

Architect Hunt, of Chattanooga, met with the building committee of the First Baptist church of Columbus Saturday and submitted plans. One of the Gothic style of architecture was selected by the Committee and the estimated cost of same is \$30,000. The building proper will be 100x120 feet, and when the auditorium and Sunday School rooms are thrown together will seat 1500 people. Work on the building will commence right away.

The building committee is composed of the following:

Gen. S. D. Lee, Chairman; Jas. T. Harrison, W. N. Puckett, E. C. Chapman, R. E. Cheatam, H. U. Beard, W. A. Suber, and Rev. Hewitt, the pastor, is a moving spirit in the laudable project.

Yellow Fever.

Havanna, May 24.—A case of yellow fever was discovered in Havanna being the second this year. The health department believes there is no danger of the city becoming infected, as the patient had recently come to the capital from the interior of the island.

Read R. E. Lee's ad in another column of this issue.

NOT GUILTY

Bad Man From Breathitt Is Acquitted Again.

Lexington, Ky., May 25.—After deliberating twenty-four hours the jury trying James Hargis, of Breathitt county, for the assassination of James Cockrill, town marshal at Jackson, returned a verdict of acquittal. As soon as the verdict was announced every Democratic county and city official in the court room uttered shouts of applause and made a rush to Hargis, congratulating him. Circuit Judge Parker rapped loudly for order and severely reprimanded Sheriff McElroy for permitting such conduct in the court room.

Hargis with his attorneys left for Sandy Hook, Elliott county, where he goes on trial Monday for being in the conspiracy to murder Dr. Cox, of Jackson, who was also assassinated by the Hargis band sometime ago.

Notice.

Members of Union Lodge No 35 I. O. O. F. are requested to attend regular meeting Monday night 8 o'clock.

Work in the Initiatory Degree. BROOKS MCGOWAN, Aot'g. N. G. A. E. LOVE, Secretary.

The contract has been let for a \$25,000 brick school house at Magnolia.